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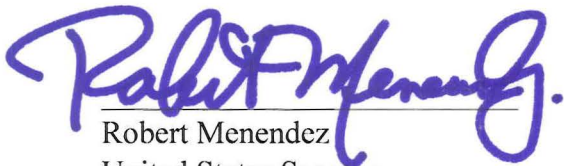
Dear Ms. Hess,

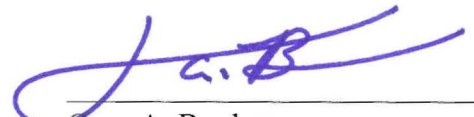
We write to you today to thank you for the work you are doing to remediate the Standard Chlorine Chemical Company, Inc. (SCCC) Superfund site, and to urge your continued engagement with all stakeholders as you work towards the remediation and redevelopment of not only this site, but also adjacent sites. The successful redevelopment of the Koppers Seaboard site and the Diamond Shamrock site, in addition to the Standard Chlorine site, remains critical to the revitalization of the area.

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission declared the Koppers Seaboard site as an “area in need of redevelopment” and a redevelopment project was determined to be a “vital project” by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. However, there are concerns as to whether the slurry wall, as currently constructed and installed under the Interim Remedial Action for the Standard Chlorine site, will support the fill and cap on the Koppers Seaboard site under the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection-approved remedial action plan. As such, we urge you to continue to work with the Hudson County Improvement Authority and other stakeholders during every phase of the remediation process to ensure that all impacted sites are able to be effectively remediated and redeveloped to the benefit of the health and economy of this community.

For decades, residents have been the victims of adverse health risks stemming from industrial manufacturing and chemical refining taking place in Kearny. The cleanup of the SCCC Superfund site is of utmost importance to our constituents and we are pleased to see EPA acting aggressively to protect New Jersey communities. We appreciate your attention to this matter as you continue to work toward the final Record of Decision and move into the design phase of remediation.

Sincerely,


Robert Menendez
United States Senator


Cory A. Booker
United States Senator